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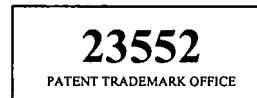
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2005/0213921	10/29/2005	Mertesdorf et al.			
	4,986,762	01/22/1991	Keith			
	5,903,698	05/11/1999	Poremba et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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